



# Army Engineer Spouses' Club Castle Gram

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## Our Executive Board:

### President

Launa Klimowicz-Brown

### Vice President

Carolyn Hudson

### Treasurer

Jessica Gregris

### Secretary

Laurel-Lee States

### AEMA Chairperson

Erica Shaw

## Hello AESC Members!

It's such a beautiful time of year and I am beginning to see all the spectacular colors of fall which is my favorite time of year. But today as I am writing my heart is saddened by all the destruction Hurricane Matthew has caused so far and he is not done yet! I ask each of you to keep those who are affected by this terrible natural disaster in your thoughts and prayers.



It has been a busy time for the AESC. In September we welcomed new members at our annual New Comers Welcome Luncheon at Sine' in Pentagon City. You can find the photos here in the Castle Gram. I just returned from a quick trip to Fort Leonard Wood, where I had the privilege of attending the 554th EN BN Change of Responsibility between CSM Toby Kammer and CSM Scott Lewis. I met quite a few wonderful Engineer Spouses too. And how could I go to FLW without spending some time with Glenn and Julius from the AEA Regimental Store!!!

Your AESC Board has also been finalizing the details of our upcoming Cocktail Party, planning future monthly functions, and exploring new volunteer events.

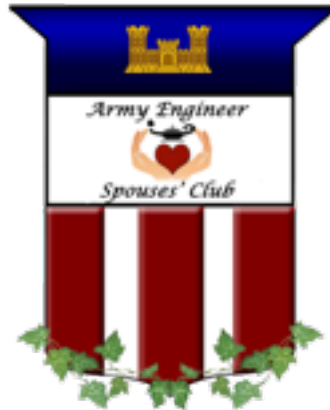
I hope to visit with you at the annual Cocktail Party at the home of our wonderful Honorary President at Ft McNair in DC. I understand if your commute is a bit too far and you are unable to attend so if that is the case, please take a photo with your favorite Engineer that evening and send it to the Castle Gram or hang it on our Facebook page! We are the ARMY Engineer Spouses' Club – and that includes YOU!

Warm regards,

*Launa*

**“Keeping our worldwide Engineer family connected through the years and across the miles”**

# *A&SC Cocktail Party*



*The Army Engineer Spouses' Club  
cordially invites you and your spouse/guest  
to join us at our annual*

## *Welcome Cocktail Party*

*Saturday, October 15, 2016  
5:00 to 7:00 PM  
at the home of*

*LTG and Mrs. Todd Semonite  
Quarters 7 Fort McNair  
Washington, DC*

*Coat and Tie*

*Please RSVP by October 9th to:  
[RSVP@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:RSVP@armyengineerspouses.com)*

*Voluntary donations to Army Engineer Memorial Award Fund  
accepted at event.  
Suggested: \$20 per person*

*2015-2016 Army  
Engineer Memorial  
Awards Recipients*

**Emma Chamberlayne**  
University of Virginia

**Lindsay Hrbovsky (GKM)**  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Thomas Gaines**  
Mississippi State University

**Lindsey Williams**  
Carson-Newman University

**Katherine Koprowski**  
Duke University

**Kayla Toy**  
University of California, Berkley

**Kayla Master**  
Rutgers University

**Margaret Anderson**  
Auburn University

**Kelsey Anderson**  
Washington & Lee

**Ryan Sullivan**  
Texas A&M

**Kathryn Graham**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

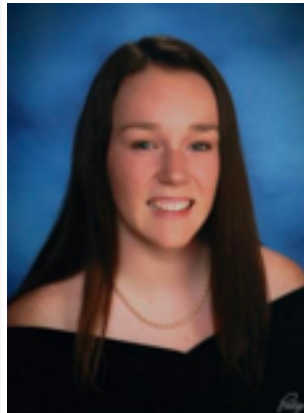
**Daniel Sparks**  
University of Texas, Austin

**Peter Finley**  
Linfield College

**Army Engineer  
Memorial  
Awards**



A major portion of our AESC mission is to support the education of our Army Engineer young adults. The lamp in our crest reminds us of our commitment to education and the quest for knowledge. Since 1978, the Army Engineer Memorial Awards program has been honoring that mission in a way that pays tribute to the lives of our fallen Army Engineers.



Emma Chamberlayne was our top award winner in 2016. She is a first year at The University of Virginia studying Systems Engineering. She has enjoyed getting involved in collegiate life to include water polo, Relay for Life, UVA Judiciary Committee, as well as attending football games and activities with her hall mates.

Dear Members of AESC,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient for one of this year's Army Engineer Memorial Awards. I am incredibly honored and humbled to have been chosen. The generous scholarship will be a tremendous help as I embark on my first year at the University of Virginia. The awards banquet was a great time for my family to gather together as well and I sincerely appreciate all the time and effort spent on planning that. Once again, thank you.

sincerely,  
Emma Chamberlayne

# Save the Date

**Oct 5**  
AESC Board Meeting

**Oct 15**  
Cocktail Party

**Oct 17-18**  
AEA Envelope Stuffing

**Oct 30th**  
Marine Corps Marathon

**Nov 9**  
AESC Board Meeting

**Dec 7**  
AESC Board Meeting



## Nuts & Bolts

The AESC Board meets the first Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are open to all members.

This year, we will be trying something new! We will be altering the times of our meetings to accommodate our volunteers

that work or home school during the day and find evenings a better time to meet. Our last board meeting was held at 10am in the home of Connie Semonite.



Our November board meeting will be held at 6pm on November 9th in the conference room of Memorial Chapel on Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall. Please contact Launa if you would like to attend any of our meetings and she will provide you with details. She can be reached at [president@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:president@armyengineerspouses.com).



# *Newcomers Luncheon*

Last month, we gathered at Sine Irish Restaurant to welcome fifteen Engineer spouses who are new to the capitol region. The newcomers were happy to see some familiar faces from previous assignments while meeting members of our AESC Board. The fireplace room was filled with the warmth and camaraderie we've come to expect from our Engineer family. The atmosphere was full of laughter and "remember when" stories.

Launa Brown and Connie Semonite gave the gathering a warm welcome and our Vice President, Carolyn Hudson described some of the exciting upcoming monthly events. We went around the room and introduced ourselves, and realized we really do have a lot in common. Terri Stevens and Lynne Jackson, distributed door prizes from our very own Castle Boutique. The new cutting board with the engraved Engineer castle was a huge hit!

Everyone went home with a Fall housewarming gift and a sense of belonging to a special sisterhood. We look forward to seeing our friends, old and new, at the upcoming Cocktail Party and we hope to welcome many more to our club. The door is always open!



# 2016-2017 Volunteers

## Parliamentarian

Roz Riley

## Membership

Jackie Caldwell

## Hospitality

Terri Stevens

Lynne Jackson

## Historian

Lisa Stevenson

## Castle-Gram

Allison Chamberlayne

## Webmaster

Laura Putnam

## Circulation

Kara Anderson

## Castle Boutique

Sheila Kelly

## Welfare & Service

Vanessa Joly

## Retirement Residences

### Liaison

Kay Burlin

## Knollwood Bake Sale

Pricilla Noah

## Nominations

Bette Meuleners

## Scholarship Committee

Marguerite Theissen

## **Welfare & Service**

Join us for one of our upcoming community outreach activities!

### **October 17th and 18th - Envelope Stuffing for AEA**

Our organization will be providing volunteers to the Army Engineer Association to stuff envelopes on Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th from 9am to 3pm. Feel free to join us on one day or both days for any amount of time. The AEA office is located in the Kingman Building at Humphrey's Engineer Center, 7701 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria. Parking is located behind the building. You will need to enter through the front entrance and wait at Information to be escorted to the office. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please email Vanessa Joly (jolyvl@yahoo.com) by Friday, October 14.

### **October 30th - Marine Corp Marathon: wear blue Mile**

Our organization would like to have a few volunteers to participate in the wear blue Mile during the Marine Corp Marathon. We will honor over 300 fallen service members as 30,000 runners pass through this memorial. Volunteers for the wear blue Mile will report to Hains Point at 6am, and the race will begin at 7am. If you are interested in volunteering, please register at <http://www.wearblueruntoremember.org/marine-corps-marathon/>. Under the Race Day Participation, choose wear blue Mile Volunteer. More details will be emailed to you closer to the day of the race. If you register to volunteer, please also email Vanessa Joly (jolyvl@yahoo.com) so that our volunteers can arrange to meet at the race.

### **Ongoing - Honor Flight DCA Greeters**

Check out the Honor Flight schedule at 2016 Schedule. It is a wonderful experience to welcome these great veterans to the DC area. Feel free to go on days that are convenient for you. Wear your ENGINEER RED! You can email Vanessa Joly (jolyvl@yahoo.com) to see if other volunteers may be available that day as well. <https://honorflightdca.com/schedule/>



# Castle Boutique

Just in time for your holiday decorating, our Engineer Castle wrought-iron candle holders. Hand rolled and made in the USA. These candle accents offer numerous possibilities from accenting a small room with a touch of style to creating a stunning arrangement.



Find them under our AESC Members Only Tab.

## 20% OFF

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Online code: **ESSAYON20**

Offer valid online at-  
[www.armyengineerspouses.com](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com) for any full price purchase in the Castle Boutique. Limit one coupon per customer. Not valid on previous purchases. For AESC Members.

Expires:  
 October 31, 2016

## Army Engineer Spouses Club Castle Boutique Coupon



- Website: [www.armyengineerspouses.com](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com)
- Follow us on facebook at:  
[facebook.com/armyengineerspousesclub/](https://www.facebook.com/armyengineerspousesclub/)

**Need more shopping?** I think we all enjoy combining our love of shopping with our love for the Army Engineer Spouses' Club! We are excited to announce that AESC will be bringing back our favorite fall fundraiser, Lynch Creek Farms! Click the link below to shop some gorgeous holiday wreaths for your home and gift giving. AESC will receive 20% of the proceeds.

**[https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/43596-aesc-2016-fall-fundraiser?fundraiser\\_id=119786](https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/43596-aesc-2016-fall-fundraiser?fundraiser_id=119786)**

And don't forget! Every time you shop on Amazon, click through AmazonSmile and a portion of your purchase goes to AESC. It doesn't cost you anything additional. Just click through AmazonSmile and show your support for AESC.

## Local Events

**Oct 14-16**  
Sugarloaf Craft Festival

**Oct 15**  
Epicurience Virginia - A  
Food & Wine Festival

**Oct 15**  
Patient Wildlife Festival

**Oct 21-23**  
Boo at the Zoo

**Oct 22-23**  
Mount Vernon Fall  
Harvest Days

**Oct 26 - Nov 6**  
Kids Euro Festival

**Oct 27**  
Grand Opening of  
Clarksburg Premium  
Outlets

**Oct 29**  
Fall Frolic at Glen Echo  
Park

## Around Town

Save the date for a one of a kind Harley Auction under the lights at Nats Park. Join Lockheed Martin and the National Military Family Association on December 10, 2016 from 6-9pm under the lights of Nats Park for a one-of-a-kind Harley auction.



Lockheed Martin has commissioned Harley-Davidson to design a one-of-a-kind custom motorcycle that captures the speed, maneuverability and power of the newest Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship, the USS Milwaukee. Like the ship itself, made in America, with pride! In addition to the live auction of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, you'll also have the chance to bid on a variety of silent auction items.

All proceeds will directly support the National Military Family Association and the families they serve.

For an outing this month, try Hollin Farms in Deplane, Virginia. They are open Wednesday through Sunday 9am to 4pm. Here you can pick your own fruits and vegetables. Start at the bottom of the hill and wander the field to find that perfect pumpkin. Next, you can either drive or walk up the hill to the orchard and vegetable gardens. This October, you can expect to pick your own apples and fall greens as well as dig your own peanuts and potatoes. Check their website <http://www.hollinfarms.com/pages/pumpkins.html> before you go or call 540-592-3574 in case of crop or weather related changes. Dogs are welcome on a leash in the parking area and orchards but not in the pumpkin or vegetable gardens.

On you way to or from the orchard, be sure to stop by Arterra Wines/ Hawkmoth Arts. Arterra Wines: "Art & Terra (land)" is the Art of the Land. The wines are nurtured in an environment where they can evolve into a wine of distinction that truly represents the great lands where the grapes originated, and the great people behind them. The artwork is entirely handmade utilizing a variety of media from ceramics and paintings to etched glass and carved wine barrels. Hawkmoth Arts serves patrons with a desire to own locally made artworks of unique and original design.



# *“Let us Prove to be Worthy of Their Valor...”*

## **A visit to Flight 93 National Memorial**

by Roz Riley

This year, on September 11, our nation stopped, once again, to remember the events that changed our nation 15 years ago.

The weekend of 9-11, my husband, daughter, and I found ourselves about 45 minutes away from the Flight 93 Memorial. Don and I had visited the Memorial before and knew how impressive and well done the site was, but we had never been to a Service of Remembrance at any of the 9-11 memorials. We were too close to NOT attend the service to be held on Sunday, September 11.

The day was solemn from the very beginning: the endless line of cars, trucks, and motorcycles brigades winding along the highway to the Memorial. It was inspiring from the moment we parked the car in a distant field and walked to the shuttle bus pick-up point. Arriving at the Memorial Visitor Center Complex, we saw America...red/white/and blue clad visitors, Harley Davison embroidered-vested visitors, first responders wearing their Department's sweatshirts or uniforms, uniformed Boy Scouts grouped together, United Airlines flight attendants and pilots regaled in their best dress uniforms, and finally, the Families of Flight 93 attired in dark, somber dress. The feelings of respect, sadness, awe, for the area from the Visitor Center to the crash site were palpable. There was such a silent politeness amidst the crowded throng of people. It was obvious that many had come from far distances to be part of this day.



The service was powerful. The Newark Boys Chorus provided touching musical interludes throughout the service (Flight 93 originated from Newark). Most poignant was the slow, deliberate reading of the 40 names of the passengers and crew-members, each name read (by volunteers or family) was followed by the separate ringing of two brass bells of remembrance. The sounds echoed against the silent, overcast skies. NO other sounds were heard during that time.

Some of the sobering remarks follow:

- Mr. Gordon Felt (President of the Families of flight 93, lost his brother Edward) petitioned to all to not let 9-11 be moved from the actual day to a routine Monday holiday that makes a long weekend of parties and BBQs.
- Pennsylvania Senator Robert Casey recognized the remarkable camaraderie of the passengers – who boarded the flight as strangers - but quickly unified with a common purpose-to selflessly protect the nation from further attack. He begged the multigenerational crowd to “let us prove to be worthy of their valor”.
- And finally, Pennsylvania Senator Patrick Toomey reminded all that Pennsylvania, a birthplace of heroes, was now a final resting place of 40 American heroes.

I would encourage all, adult and child, to visit this National Park Service Memorial site. It is worth the time to slowly experience the entire memorial from the Visitor Center Complex (to see the exhibit, to hear cell phone conversations with family prior to the crash, to “meet” the passengers and crew of Flight 93), to the Wall of Names, and to stand in silence to gaze at the Impact Site.

*A common field one day. A field of honor forever.*

# Do You Know...

Chaplain Mitchell Lewis, USACE Chaplain sends out a “Thought of the Day” to those who request to receive it. An example of one of his emails is as follows:

*Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. -- Helen Keller*

*Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. -- Hebrews 10:36*

If you would like to receive the Thought of the Day, please contact Chaplain Lewis  
[mitchell.i.lewis@usace.army.mil](mailto:mitchell.i.lewis@usace.army.mil)

As this newsletter is in production, Hurricane Matthew is continuing its path up the eastern seaboard. Do you know that in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is prepared and ready to respond as part of the federal government’s unified national response to disasters and emergencies. In any disaster, USACE’s top priorities are:

- Save lives and protect property;
- Support immediate emergency response priorities for USACE, DoD, FEMA and the Federal Government.

During natural disasters and other emergencies, USACE can respond under its own authority, as a component of the Department of Defense; and as the designated lead agency in support of FEMA. USACE may undertake the following:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Emergency Operations
- Rehabilitation Program - the inspection and rehabilitation of Federal and non-Federal flood risk management projects damaged or destroyed by floods and coastal storms.
- Restoration Program - the inspection and restoration of Federal Coastal Storm Damage Reduction projects damaged or destroyed by floods and coastal storms
- Advance Measures - to prevent or reduce damages when there is an imminent threat of unusual flooding
- Drought Assistance
- Emergency Water Assistance due to Contaminated Water Source

Every year, from among its approximately 35,000 military and civilian personnel, which includes more than 50 specially-trained response teams, USACE sends hundreds of people to respond to disasters around the world, either as part of the DoD response or upon the direction of the Department of State. Because of its unique mission, USACE has many subject matter experts in areas such as Emergency Management, Flood Risk Management, landslides, construction, Urban Search and Rescue, oceanography, hydrology and hydraulics, and engineering fields that respond when needed. Notable recent responses include the Haiti earthquake and the 2004 Indonesian tsunami.

# Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these photos of our recent events!

These are some pictures of our events this month.

Want to see more? check out our web site

[www.armyengineerspouses.com](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com)

Or like us on FaceBook

[www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub](http://www.facebook.com/ArmyEngineerSpousesClub)

>>>AESC had a table at AOSGWA Welcome Coffee. We appreciate the opportunity to share our wonderful organization with so many Army Spouses!



## "Exclusive Members First"

Check out our AESC Members Only Tab featuring new merchandise in the Castle Boutique

With your membership you will be among the first to view and purchase new merchandise before it is featured on the main Castle Boutique page.



The planning for the Cocktail party was briefly put on hold to watch the beautiful sunset over the Potomac.

# Protocol Points to Ponder

## Dear Protocol Points to Ponder,

*I'm looking for some advice on how to deal with the issue of people who fail to RSVP. It has become more frustrating as of late - not only for me but also for the volunteers I have in our FRG and Coffee Group. These ladies take valuable time from their busy schedules to host events and when they send invitations out, more than half don't reply. I don't want to turn off spouses by sassing them but in the same regard I think it's time I tactfully address the issue. Any advice on how to best handle this situation?*

I think every hostess who has ever sent an invitation has had your same frustration! Let's look to see what the [Army Wife Handbook](#) has to say on the matter; Chapter 9 deals solely with the art of responding to an invitation. Here are a few things we all should remember.

- Whether you accept or regret is your decision, but ***your social responsibility is to reply immediately.***
- Whether responding in writing or by phone, your response must be prompt - ***within 24 to 48 hours!*** If you wait any longer, several unfortunate things happen. First, the hostess worries you didn't receive the invitation. Then she feels you aren't pleased to have been invited. Finally, she questions your manners for not having answered her invitation.
- If you are unable to give a definite reply within 48 hours, you are obliged to regret. If this is an informal invitation, you may give an explanation to your regret. This may result in the hostess offering you more time. Remember, the 24-48 hour response time doesn't change, regardless of your personal situation.
- If you receive a personal invitation for a time when you expect to have houseguests, you should not ask the hostess to include them. Either accept and leave your guests at home or regret and explain the reason why to the hostess. She may or may not offer to extend the invitation to your guests.

Everyone can help set the example of responding promptly to invitations by always replying within 24-48 hours. Unit commanders, CSMs and coffee group leaders can be especially influential in this. The following are ideas for educating politely:

- For unit coffee invitations, have the hostess call those who don't respond.
- Have brief protocol discussions within the coffee group
- Prior to an upcoming major event, send out an information letter to lightheartedly describe the appropriate dress, receiving line procedure, posting of the colors, toasts, and other special events of the evening.

Next month, we will discuss some electronic forms of invitations and their advantages and challenges.



# *Keepers of the Castle*

Keeper's of the Castle is an Engineer Spouses' Club located in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. They welcome members from Active Duty army, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, allies and sister services. They aim to Instill pride in Engineer spouses through camaraderie by educating, sharing, and embracing our roles – past, present, and future. Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle](http://www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle) or via email [FLWKeepers@gmail.com](mailto:FLWKeepers@gmail.com). here are a few photos of their first gathering for the year: Building Teams and Regimental Pride.



# *Army Engineer Spouses Group - Europe*

The Engineer Spouses Group - Europe hosts a monthly coffee on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May. For more information on joining this active group, contact Michelle Tyler at [mtyler1015@aol.com](mailto:mtyler1015@aol.com). Here is a picture from a recent coffee.



If you are living in Europe, you should be following AESG-Europe on Facebook. You can get ideas on local resources such as doctors and pet services as well as restaurants, vacation trips and on post resources. Contact Michelle Tyler to be added to the group.

# Chit Chat

## Get to know our members!

This section is all about you! Tell us where summer PCS season took you, fun summer plans or vacations you enjoyed.... We'd love to see what you, your Engineer unit or Coffee Group is doing. Send all pictures and submissions to Allison Chamberlayne [newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com).

Our AESC President at the Regimental store. These guys are wonderful and they are going to start carrying our AESC Tri-fold brochure. Left to right CSM(R) Glenn Stines, Launa Brown, CSM (R) Julius B Nutter



>>>This photo was taken at the 554th after the Change of Responsibility. CSM Lewis is taking over as the new Battalion CSM. Left to right CSM(R) Glenn Stines, Launa Brown, CSM (R) Julius B Nutter

## A Recipe from our September Coffee - Sausage Bread

1 lb Hot Pork Sausage, cooked and drained well

1 1/2 cups shredded cheese(I like Mexican blend, but I think any will work) (Use more or less depending on cheesy preference)

1 can Pillsbury French Bread

- Pre-heat oven 350 & grease baking sheet
- Unroll dough and sprinkle down the middle with cooked sausage and cheese.
- Fold in dough;pinch ends;turn seam side down on cookie sheet; cut three slits across top.

Bake 350 for 30minutes. Check after 20min, I usually lay tinfoil on top as not to brown to much.

Let stand 10 minutes before slicing

Serve as a breakfast bread or appetizer (I have also served with a red sauce for dipping)

Would be perfect for football season...but if you are serving a crowd you better make at least three ;-)

**WANTED! Send in pictures of your Coffee group or FRG!** If you don't want to go to the trouble of sending me pictures, just invite me to join your Facebook Group and I'll snag them myself! You can find me on Facebook as Allison Thorborg Chamberlayne or click <https://www.facebook.com/allison.chamberlayne>

There is always the option to send any submission to: [newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com)

# Membership

Join online at  
[www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html](http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/membership.html)

Questions?

Contact our  
Membership Chair

Jackie Caldwell  
[membership@armyengineerspouses.com](mailto:membership@armyengineerspouses.com)



## AESC 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PRINT NAME as you would like to be listed in the Castle Directory (The Redbook)

Last \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact phone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (month/day only) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  New member  Returning member  Rejoining member

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Is Spouse:  Active  Retired  Reserve/National Guard  Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment or firm:  
\_\_\_\_\_

By sending this application, you agree to have the above information listed in the Castle Directory.

Membership runs from July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2017.

Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2016 will be included in the 2016-2017 Castle Directory. Thank you!

Annual dues + 1 copy of the Castle Directory \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

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